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SUBJECT: CZECH LIBERAL POET MIROSLAV HOLUB

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1. MIROSLAV HOLUB, CZECH MICROBIOLOGIST, POET, AND ONE OF SIGNERS OF "2,000 WORDS" MANIFESTO IN 1968, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER JUNE 11 THAT AUTHORITIES HAD GIVEN HIM PERMISSION TO LEAVE COUNTRY IN ORDER TO ATTEND FOUR-DAY POETRY FESTIVAL IN ROTTERDAM NEXT WEEK. HOLUB SAID THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO REMAIN IN WEST, AND THAT HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE HE WOULD BE DENIED RE-ENTRY. HOLUB OPINED THAT AUTHORITIES MIGHT HAVE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO DENY HIM PERMISSION TO TRAVEL IN VIEW OF HIS SUPPOSED ABJECT "CONFESSION" OF AUGUST 1973.

2. HOLUB SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT HE HAD NEITHER WRITTEN NOR EVEN SIGNED "CONFESSION". IT HAD BEEN PUBLISHED WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE, AND COPY DELIVERED TO HIM. HOWEVER, SOME PHRASES IN "CONFESSION" HAD AT TIMES BEEN USED BY HIM IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH WIFE AT HOME. THIS PLUS FACT THAT WIFE HAD TOLD HIM ABOUT "CONFESSION" WEEK BEFORE IT APPEARED, AS WELL AS EARLIER SIMILAR OCCURRENCES, LED HIM TO BELIEVE WIFE WAS INFORMING POLICE ABOUT HIM, AND HOLUB HAD DECIDED TO SEEK DIVORCE. (COUPLE IS CHILDLESS.)
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